

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Present

Dave Kennedy  
Rich Cirillo  
Peter Lee  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke	Pam Henry
Bob Appleby	Kim Bingham
Al Giansanti	

Guests

Don Bourdeau	Bob Banker
Chris Pugliese	Dan Young

Call to order:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Minutes:

M/S/C (Cirillo/Lee) to approve the January minutes as presented. Vote: unanimous

2. Treasurer's Report:

S.Spang reported some payments have been made for:  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Elf" Tree Lighting help  
"Santa" aka John Cassidy, donation for Unsung Hero Award Fund  
Signore Septic for portable toilets

M/S/C (Lee/Cirillo) to except the treasury report as presented. Vote: unanimous

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

- a. Salem School Athletic Director Christopher Pugliese spoke to the Commission concerning the recreation basketball league in Salem. He is concerned about students and the lack of interest of basketball in Salem. Mary Durkee is stepping down as the league president and Chris would like to donate his time to run the program.  
Discussion took place concerning the Nutmeg travel league and members expressed Salem should not be in the league. Chris would like to see the Recreation league stay more local with East Lyme, Colchester, Bozrah and/or Franklin.  
Chris would like to see fundraiser's be done to offer the students incentives such as shirts, hats, etc.  
S. Spang explained the Commission's outlook for programs and what is expected from the program.  
D. Bourdeau will find out more about the possible gym or multipurpose room use this summer for a two week basketball camp. He also suggested looking into the use of St. Thomas Moore School's gym if Salem School is not available for use due to renovations.  
D. Weston told Chris July 25-29 and August 1-5 would be available to have back to back weeks for summer camp.

- b. Bob Banker informed the Commission a field use form and insurance certificate has been submitted for his AAU team. He will have the payment submitted. Bob spoke about the prep league in Colchester.

- c. Don Bourdeau Report:

The locks for the all of the recreation facilities will be changed once the snow melts.

- 4. Additions and Revisions:

None

- 5. New Business:

- a. 2011 Budget

The Recreation Budget will have no increase this year. S. Spang reported the BOF received the presented budget.

The estimate for the parking lot at RHR was \$57,000.00 which included 75 parking spots, cutting the ledge and constructing the center island. The BOS reduced the amount to \$40,000.00. The BOF approved the project with possible revisions for the 2011 budget.

The Forsyth Road parking lot will be included in the 10 year plan as well as Phase II of the RHR parking lot.

- b. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported Zumba class is going well. There have been approximately 25 participates in the program for both sessions so far.

Summer camps are being booked. There will be a theater, tennis, basketball and possible multi-sport camp.

Two baseball game bus trips are scheduled: July 9 Yankees vs. Tampa Bay; August 28 Red Sox vs. Oakland. More details will be announced.

- 6. Old Business

- a. Tree Lighting - See 2. Treasury Report

- b. Forsyth Road – No report.

- c. Baseball- Guest Bob Banker and Commission member Dave Kennedy reported to the Commission the state of the major league dugouts. Work will need to be done to them.

Bob Banker reported the registration has been completed and signups are low. There will be 2 or 3 teams for the majors.

Opening Day will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>. D. Bourdeau will have the flagpole fixed before that date. He will also see that the school buses will be moved for the day. Don will also inquire about use of the Congregational Church parking lot.

S. Spang inquired if A. Giansanti informed the baseball league if the channel cover had been purchased for field fences. Bob Banker will ask at their baseball meeting this week. D. Bourdeau stressed the color yellow should be used; it is needed for safety reasons.

d. Soccer- No report.

e. Basketball- See 3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence a. Chris Pugliese.

f. Tennis – R. Cirillo will attempt to run a doubles program over the summer.

g. Multi-purpose Path – It was noted by Commission members that the path has been used over the winter due snowshoe tracks on the path.

7. Other Business - None

8. Future Action Items

a. Disc Golf

b. Skate Board Park

c. Disorderly Parents/Coaches

9. Adjournment

M/S/C (Cirillo/Kennedy) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Vote: unanimous

Respectfully submitted by

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary